

Thi saa har Gud elsket
Verden, at han gav sin
Søn, den enbaarne, for at
hver den som tror paa
ham, ikke skal fortæbes,
men have evigt Liv.

HYRDE

"JEG ER DEN GODE HYRDE." — Joh. 10. 11.

om tror paa ham,
ikke dømt; den som
r, er allerede dømt,
n ikke har troet
s enbaarne Søns
Navn.

16de aargang.

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NAAR GRUNDTVOLDEN MANGLER

Et par aar siden kom jeg tilfældigvis til at faa se en artikel i "Decorah-Posten" som jeg havde isinde at skrive et lite svarbrev paa, men det blev lagt tilside den gang. Artiklen var skrevet av en mand fra Lloydminster, og bar overskriften, "En Million Sjæle."

Vedkommende skribent havde øiensynlig set sig arg paa nogen alvorlige og velmente udtalelser av Dr. J. C. K. Preus, og efter at ha gaat og tenkt sig om en tid, finder han det skelligt av slaa et slag for sandheten: "den lutherske lære er menneskebud, ikke et grand bedre end pavekirken og J. F. Rutherfords tul."

Det var jo en dygtig salve! Hvor meget vedkommende kjender til "den lutherske lære" kan man jo ikke vite, men vi har en mistanke om at hans kundskaper strekker sig ikke synderlig langt, tiltrods for hans oplysning om at han "har gaaet ud fra den lutherske kirke." Han hadde vel engang sit navn paa en menighets medlemsliste, men gjorde sig aldrig det besvær at lære sin egen kirke nærmere at kjende. Det er desverre altfor mange som befinner sig i en lignende stilling. De kjender kirkens navn men ikke dens væsen, og dømmer gjerne hele samfundet paa grundlag av deres personlige kjendskap til den lokale prest eller menighet med hvem de kanske ikke kan enes om alle enkeltheter.

Manden fra Lloydminster har fuldstendig ret naar han siger at "endnu er ikke noget menneske (efter Adam) født fuldkommen, ei heller har noget menneske kunnet arbeide sig op til fuldkommenhed," men han aabenbarer sin egen vildfarelse ved at spørge om hvorfor vi skal "forlate os paa Luther og hans lære." Denslags leresetning hører ikke hjemme i den Lutherske kirke. Men slik gaar det over og over igjen. Nesten alslags svermere og aandens ufredsstiftere finder snart et villig øre og et aapent hjerte der hvor deres ofre ikke er befestet i sandheten.

Den lutherske kirke kan siges at være den naturlige frugt av en ærlig sjæls jagen efter forlik med Gud. Martin Luther søkte frelse paa den vei som Romerkirken foreskrev, i gode gjerninger. Men alt var forgjæves indtil han endelig fandt fred og forløsning i Guds ord om retfærdiggjørelse ved tro uten lovens gjerninger. Luthers uodelige fortjeneste og uvisnelige ære bestaar først og fremst i at han la bibelen, den hele, rene, uforfalskede, og ubeskaarne bibel i almuens hender ved at oversætte den fra sprog som bare de lærde forstod til et sprog (tysk) som taltes i hytter og hus fra den ene ende av landet til den anden.

Saa vi i den lutherske kirke skammer os ikke ved at minde Martin Luther. Men vi tilber ham ikke. Vi har ingen helgen. Vi "forlater" os ikke paa nogen St. Martin. Vi paa-staar slet ikke at han var ufeilbar. Og hvad den "lutherske lære" angaar, saa er den egte luthersk bare saalangt som den stemmer overens med bibelen selv. For det er en av den lutherske kirkes hovedprincipper at skriften maa forklare skriften, d.v.s., tvetydige, vanskelige steder i bibelen maa forklares av klare og utvetydige parallelle steder om hvis rette utlegning der ikke kan være nogen tvil. Man maa vel ha lov til at spørge, hvor er en tryggere "lære" at finde?

En luthersk prest har liten tid tilovers for "menneskebud." Hans forkyndelse dreier sig ikke om Luther men om Jesus Kristus og Ham korsfestet. For han tror skriftens ord om at "der er ikke frelse i nogen anden; thi der er heller ikke noget andet navn under himmelen, givet blandt mennesker, ved hvilket vi skal bli

frelste." Han søker derfor ved Guds naade at lede sine tilhørere ved offentlig og privat formanings til at modta Ham som alene er Veien, Sandheten, og Livet.

—C. S. Lystig.

KAN VI FAA FLERE?

Den 17de Juli sendte redaktøren en rundskrivelse til presteskapet i Kanadadistrikt med anmodning om at utnevne ansvarlige korrespondenter med baade vilje og øyne til at rapportere til Hyrden nyheter av almen interesse.

Til dato er tretten svar indløpet, mens tredve (30) prestebrodre ennå ikke har lat høre fra sig.

Nu, jeg syntes dette var lit nedslaaende, indtil jeg nylig hadde den fornøielse at møte vor forretningsfører, Hr. Josef Haave, som fortalte mig at han som et resultat av at sende ut tolv hundrede frieksemplarer av Hyrden modtok — siger og skriver — tolv nye subscriptionsjoner. Enda kastet ikke Josef forretningsførerskapet paa skrapdyngen! En mand som ikke gir op naar han møter med slik motagelse maa enten være en uheldredelig dumrian eller en uovervindelig optimist. Josef maa være det sidste, for han har trods alle vanskeligheter magtet at samle et større antal subscriptionsjoner om Hyrden end nogensinde før i dens historie. La os ikke lenger legge ham hindringer iveien. Han gir sig ikke alikevel!

Men et ord til om denne rundskrivelsen. Vil dere som ennå ikke har svart paa den være saa snild at gjøre det uten yderligere tidsspilde? Vi har ingen tanke om at forvandle Hyrden til udelukkende et nyhetsblad. Paa ingen maate. Men nyheter er altid forfriskende. De gir os korte, skarpe glimt av nutidslivet, slik som det ytrer sig fra dag til dag, og holder os ialfald delvis underrettet om folk og steder som ligger os nær paa hjertet.

—C. S. L.

Anfegtede Sjæle.

Kom uvilkaarlig til at tenke paa en gut i gamle Norge paa hans konfirmasjonsdag. Ofte leser jeg under overskriften, Forbon, om anfegtede sjæles kampe, og som en der selv er prøvet i slik aandelig kamp, vil jeg hjertelig gjerne hjelpe med den trøst med hvilken jeg selv er blit trøstet av Gud.

Menneskehjelp er forgjeves i slike stunder, hvor inderlig man end føler det er ment. Siden det er Guds ord som har slaat ned, maa ogsaa Guds ord læge og igjen reise op. Men jeg har efter personlig søken fundet at vor egen vilje staar iveien. Det jeg vilde ha gjort gjorde jeg ikke, siger Paulus men det jeg ikke vilde gjorde jeg. Men hør igjen hvad ordet vidner: "Gud er den som virker i eder baade at ville og at utrette efter sit velbehag." Jeg tror at den sjæl som er blit bange for ikke at høre Gud til, den sjæl vil intet hellere end at elske Gud og hans folk, og da siger skriften likeledes et sted, Derpaa vet vi at vi er overgangne fra døden til livet at vi elsker brodrene. Han som har begyndt den gode gjerning i eder, han vil fuldføre den indtil Jesu Kristi dag.

Men etpar ord til om ovennevnte gut. Hans foreldre var kristne, men selv var han villister og ustyrlig. Paa skolen fik han lit av hvert for strekkerne sine. Forldrene kunde lite raa med ham. Men under konfirmasjonsforberedelsen gik det bra. Presten var snill med ham, og lovde at hvis han var flink saa skulde han bli konfirmert han som de andre. Der var det aaret mellem 45 og 50 konfirmanter som paa den store dag stod frem paa kirkegulvet. Presten talte om den uforskyldte gave Gud ved sin Søn har skjaenket syndere. Ordet ram-

I En Stille Stund

"Jeg takker dig, Herre, fordi du var vred paa mig, men din vrede vendte om, og du trøstet mig." Es. 12:1.

Herrens vei er altid saadanne at en troende kristen trenger frem fra mørke til lys, fra bedrøvelse til trøst, fra nød til hjelp, fra ydmygelse til ophøielse, fra forhaanelse til herlighet. Paa den maate forherliger Gud sig paa ham mere end om veien altid var like frem. Denne førelse svarer ogsaa bedst til menneskets behov og bestemmelse. Hans hovmod, hans vedhengen ved skapningen, hans stolen paa det forfengelige krever ydmygelse, mens paa den anden side hans svakhet, hans elendighet, hans til motløshet elendige hjerte trenger til trøst og hjelp i rette tid.

Men Guds hensikt med alle hans barn er ogsaa den at de skal omdannes i hans Søns billede. Nu har Guds Søn fornedret sig selv, og Faderen har derfor ophøiet ham. Han blev forskutt av bygningsmennene, men er blit kirkens hovedhjørnesten, Salm. 118: 22.

Den vei maa alle Guds barn gaa, forhaanelsens og forkastelsens vei, denne Forgjenger maa de alle følge, og hans billede maa de alle komme til å ligne. I dette billede er der træk man ikke kan faa paa anden maate end gjennom lidelse. Hans billede var nemlig et marterbillede. I hans stille taalmodighet kan man bare bli delagtig gjennom lidelser, og i hans lydighet kun gjennom alvorlige trengsler.

Den som gruer for denne vei betenke at alle de hellige har gaat den og takket for det. Den Helligaand lerte dem at si: "Førend jeg blev ydmyget for jeg vill, men nu holder jeg dit ord. Det er mig godt at jeg blev ydmyget, for at jeg kunde lere dine forskrifter." Salm. 119: 67, 71.

Jesus lær du mig at bede,
Jesus lær du mig at tro!
Jesus gjør til strid mig rede,
Jesus giv mit hjerte ro!
Og naar jeg i striden trettes,
Segner under byrden ned,
La den da saa meget lettes,
Som det tjener til min fred!

(Fra Stille Stunder, indsendt av
N. Fjelheim, Camrose.)

Ordet Fra Gud

En londonsk Præst fortæller:

For nogen Tid siden blev jeg kaldt til en Kvinde, der laa for Døden. Jeg fandt hende frimodig og glad i Troen paa Jsus Kristus, og jeg spurgte hende, paa hvilken Maade hun havde fundet sin Frelser.

— Jeg læste dette, sagde hun og gav mig et Stykke sammenfoldet Papir.

Jeg saa paa det. Det var et Stykke af et amerikansk Blad, og det indeholdt et Uddrag af en Prædiken, som en Præst i London havde holdt. Det trykte Ord var bleven Midlet til hendes Omvendelse.

— Hvor har De faaet dette Papir fra?

— Det var svøbt omkring en Pakke, som jeg fik fra Australien.

Tænk hvor underlige Guds Veje er! En Prædiken holdes i London, gengives i et amerikansk Blad, som sendes til Australien. Derfra kommer det som Indpkningspapir tilbage til England og bringer her Naadens og Frelsens Budskab til denne Kvinde! Ordet, som kommer fra, Gud...

Guds Ord vender ikke tomt tilbage.
—Kirken og Hjemmet.

met. Da gutten knælte ved alteret for første gang brast han i bitter graat. Synd paa synd rullet op, men blev gudskelov ogsaa ved det samme ords magt løftet ut av det sønderknuste hjerte. Ja slik gaar det naar Gud ved den Helligaand faar overbevise om synd. Da kommer Jesus med balsam og legger den i saaret. Da blir der idel glæde hvor før var bitter graat.

—G.

Tungt ruger mulm...

Av Misjonær Trygve Salte.

Solen staar rett over fjelkammen i vest. Om en kort stund vil den være forsvundet bak de mektige Andeshjerge. Skyggerne i dalen bliver dyper. I øst skinner solen endnu paa den tredje og siite kjæde av Andeshjergene, som raker tusinder av fod til veirs. Endnu ligger de øverste jordhytter badet i sol, men om en kort stund vil skyggerne faa overtaget der ogsaa. Efter at den siste solstraale har sliktet den høieste fjeltop, senker trope-natten sig mørk og med al sin mystik over landet. Med et er liksom alt liv opefter fjellsiderne utslukket. En og anden open ild utenfor hytterne, og hundeglam i det fjerne er det eneste som vidner om at opefter fjellsiderne bor der folk.

Mørket kommer pludselig paa disse breddegrader. Der er nesten ingen overgang, saasnt solen er nede er der mørkt. Der er ingen skumring. Mindes vel da jeg som liten gut hjemme i Norge maatte være ganske stille mens mørket faldt paa saa de voksne kunde faa "skumringsfred," en liten hviletid for lampen tentes og kveldsarbeidet begyndte. Det er forlenge siden forbi med det der ogsaa. Elektrisk lys og rastløst jag har drevet skumringsfreden paa dør. Her er der som sagt ingen overgang. Det mystiske og hemmelighedsfulde som fulgte med skymringen har vi ikke, men trope-natten er full av mystik. Det er som den tar en paa sine myke vinger og bærer en ind i det ukjendte.

Ovenfor er stjernerne. Der er de kjendte formasjoner som jeg husker fra min barndom, men der er noget paa stjernehimmelen som en ikke kan se hverken i Europa eller Nord Amerika. Det er "Sydkorset." Et kors formet av fire stjerner og synlig fra mars til august. Merkelig at dette kors er synlig i denne verdensdel, for der er vel intet sted hvor korsmerket er saa fremtrædende som i Syd Amerika.

Den Katolske kirke har inført korsmerket i disse lande, men den har fornektet og fornekte kraften av Kristi kors. Forsoning og syndsforlatelse av naade som korset vidner om er ukjent for dette folk. For dem er korset og korsmerket et tryllemiddel som skal bevare dem fra ondt og gi dem lykke og fremgang. I sin blindhed og uvitenhet tilber de, ikke den korsfestede og opstandne frelser, men korset. Dette er grunden til at vi finder kors sat op i huserne, spikret foran indgangen, opsat ute paa akeren for aa gi god avling, og langsefter veiene. Det reises ogsaa paa bakker og fjeltopper. Paa trods av alle kors sidder folket i det dypeste aandelige mørke. Det kan med sandhet siges at: "Tungt ruger mulm."

Hvilken ironi er ikke alle disse kors i dette land. Naar vi ser et kors utenfor et hjem, saa kan en være sikker paa at de som bor der intet vil ha med bibelen at gjøre, som for oss vidner om Kristi kors. Om den kom i deres eie, saa vilde de rive den i stykker eller brende den. Mange gaar til presten med den og han besørger brendingen, i mange tilfeller utenfor den katolske kirke.

(Fortsættes.)

CIRCUIT PRESIDENTS AND STEWARDSHIP SECRETARIES

Please Take Note!

Canada District Allocation meeting will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, Eastlake Ave. and 12th St., Saskatoon, on the 10th of Sept. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. The evening session, which will be in the form of a program, will be open to the public and all are welcome. All Circuit Presidents and Stewardship Secretaries must be present at this meeting.

—I. J. Saugen.

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til prestebrodrerne Vinge og Aandal for deres arbeide med utgivelsen av Hyrden mens redaktøren tilbragte sin ferie i staterne! Det er i høieste grad baade opmuntrende og inspirende at møte med slikt samarbeide. Det spaar godt for kirkens fremgang naar dens tjenere saaledes arbeider haand i haand. Begge disse prester har mere end nok at stræve med, men da de blev spurgt om de kunde paata sig dette ekstrahverv, var der ingen tale om undskyldninger. Svarene var tvertimot: "Selvfølgelig! Jeg skal gjøre hvad jeg kan."

Det var pent av pastor Aandal at gjøre sig selv ansvarlig for mulige mangler i sommernumrene; men det hadde han ikke behovd at gjøre, for arbeidet var riktig godt utført. Det kunde vere beleiligt mangen en gang at skyve skyld for overseelser og feiltagelser over paa andre, men fra nu av maa redaktøren bære det hele ansvar. Han kan bare henstille til prester og lægfolk at vere sig behjelpelig med at samle denslags lesestof som bedst vil fremme kirkens interesser. Bekjendtgjørelser angaaende møter, fester, m.m., bør være i redaktørens hender mindst tre uker før fastsat dato, ellers kan det bli meget vanskelig at faa det trykt i saapas tid at det vil vere av synderlig nytte.

Hyrden fortjener ikke bare at leses men ogsaa at **opbevares**. Den indeholder fra tid til anden artikler av blivende verdi, som for eksempel Dr. Iver Iversens ypperlige diskusjon av emnet, "Faith—What is it," i første julinummer. Gjør dine naboer den tjeneste at la dem lese Hyrden. Subskriber paa bladet for dine nærmeste venner og paarørende. Det er en gave som vil baade glæde og gavne dem hele aaret igjennem.

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Kjære redaktør Lystig:

Da bestyrelsen for Norwegian Relief, Inc., møtte i Chicago den 11te juli blev det paalagt undertegnede aa sende en hilsen til den norsk amerikanske presse.

Vi ønsker aa uttale til den norske presse, som i disse maaneder har støttet Norges hjelpen med al kraft og sympati, vaar dypt anerkjennelse og takk. Vi vet at det er baaret av en varm og sterk kjærlighet for vaare fedres land at I har gjort denne innsatts som har skapt baade interesse og forstaaelse for Norges store sak. Til redaktører og utgivere sender vi vaar hjerteligste takk.

Den norsk amerikanske presse har stadig staatt til tjeneste for alle ædle og gode formaal iblandt oss. Men aldri har vel I tjent en bedre sak enn aa vekke og mane vaart folk til offervillighet og interesse for Norges nød og trang i disse skjebnesvangre tider.

Paa Board of Directors vegne, hjertelig takk!

Eders forbundne,
—J. A. Aasgaard.

NEW BIBLE CAMP IN ALBERTA

Medicine Hat Circuit Luther League held its first Bible Camp eight miles south of Cluny, on the Indian Reservation, July 24-31. This new Bible Camp brought home to us the truth of God's Word: "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. How often we forget that the Kingdom of God must always come first in all things. This was the great truth that was pointed out to us, that the life that wins is not the life wrapped up in earthly things, but the life that has found victory in Christ.

God was good to us in that He found ways and means whereby we could gather at Bible Camp here in Southern Alberta. It was our privilege to have with us the Young People's Luther League President, Rev. A. M. Vinge. His classes included studies from the Epistle to the Ephesians, and discussions on problems in the Young People's Luther League Work. Rev. E. Walker, from Medicine Hat, gave us a study on the missionary work in the Early Christian Church as found in the Book of Acts. Rev. I. Saugen of Calgary, who was the Camp Manager, lectured on Bible Doctrine. Mr. Adolph Odland, student pastor of Enchant, who was Dean of Men, instructed us in hymnology and music. Miss Thelma Bruhjell acted as Dean of Women.

We may compare our Bible Camp to the sinful woman of Samaria who came to Jacob's well for water, as recorded in John 4. At the well she met Jesus. Having heard His message, she forgot her daily labor. In one sense, it can be said that we at Bible Camp also met Jesus and forgot our worries. Rev. Vinge brought out clearly the seriousness of being at Bible Camp, for here we came in contact with God's Word. The choice was set before us: we either accept or reject it. To accept it is to claim Christ as our personal Saviour and inherit the Kingdom of God. To reject it is to despise Christ and meet eternal death. The fruit of God's Word at our camp brought many young people out of the valley of decision into a definite stand for Christ. Let us continue to pray for our Luther League work so many more can be won for Christ.

The success of the camp was voiced by all who attended it. Though we cannot measure success by numbers, yet the fact that fifty-two young people registered must be an indication of the interest in the Bible Camp Movement in Southern Alberta, and also that twenty-five camp members joined the Pocket Testament Movement.

As soldiers of Christ let us go forward as a militant and united band for holding and winning the youth of Christ.

—A Camper.

News from Vang Congregation, Millet, Alta.

On July 26th, after two weeks' parochial school in the Vang church, the congregation gathered to listen to the closing program given by the teacher, Miss Sylvia Soberg, and twenty children.

Rev. K. O. Kandal lead in devotion. Songs and recitations were ably rendered. The confirmation class was catechized, and answered very well. Special instrumental numbers were also given, and Miss Soberg closed the program with a solo, after which all gathered for refreshments in the church parlors.

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On Sunday, August 11th, the Bardo male chorus gave a fine program in the presence of a large congregation at the Vang Church. Prof. C. A. Ronning spoke on the situation in Norway. A free-will collection was lifted in the interest of Scandinavian War Relief. Lunch was served.

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Rev. and Mrs. K. O. Kandal and family are visiting at Battleford, Sask.

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The first Wednesday of each month is Ladies Aid day in Vang. Visitors are always welcome.

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A short time ago the four congregations comprising Rev. Kandal's call met at Ma-Me-O Beach, Pigeon Lake, for a service in the open. The weather was very nice, and all profited by a blessed and enjoyable day.

—B. K.

(Editor's note: This is the first contribution from one of the newly appointed news reporters. Please note its character. Not lengthy cumbersome descriptions, but condensed flashes, boiled down to the fewest words possible. Short, snappy, and to

the point. That's what we want. Let us have more!)

Alberta Pastors Please Note!

A three-day Retreat for study and meditation is being arranged, and will be conducted at Camrose Lutheran College, Camrose, September 17-19. Keep those dates open! Good attendance makes the Retreat all the more worth while. The program will be announced later.

—C. S. Lystig.

Home Sunday at Bawlf!

The Bethany Sunset Home at Bawlf, Alberta, will conduct its Home Sunday at Bawlf on September 1st, with principal services at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Dr. Iver Iversen will be the main speaker at the afternoon service at which time other visiting pastors also will bring greetings.

The Home Day last fall was a signal success. Let there be a united effort to do even better this year. Yes let something concrete be done about the much-talked-of plan of making first Sunday in September an established Home Day for the whole District! A special service in every congregation, or at least in every call, on behalf of our one and only sunset home in Canada would effectively awaken our people to this indeed very worthy cause. We are not now thinking only of the bread and butter our present inmates need from day to day. Important and necessary as that is, we also want to remind one another of the aims and hopes of some day seeing new and more modern living quarters provided for the old. But if that day is ever to be realized, it is necessary to begin to pull the plans out of the night of dreams and into the day of reality.

Cash may not be very plentiful this fall. It seldom is. But "where there is a will, there is a way." If nothing else, you may be able to spare something in the line of food. How about a can or two of that fine jam, or of those lovely berries? You would hardly notice the difference—except in the quiet joy of experiencing that it is blessed to give—but think of what your gift means to those whose day's work is done!

—C. S. Lystig.

Our Church at Work

Would you like to know what our Church is doing and what it plans to do in the future? Are you interested in finding out how much our people have given to the missions and activities of our Church this past year and how every dollar contributed has been used — then order your copy of the 1940 ANNUAL REPORT from the Augsburg Publishing House now. This volume will give you complete information about our Church and its activities—a valuable book.

The New School Year

The time has come to center attention upon the new school year. We are not thinking only of the school year at the Seminary, even though that happens to be our primary responsibility. For the interests of the Seminary are very intimately connected with the interests of our other schools at Camrose and Outlook.

The Bible Schools are recruiting institutions for the Seminary. The Bible School course serves both to clarify the young man's personal relationship to God and to make him more sensitive to the call of God for service in the Kingdom. Consequently it quite often happens that a young man comes to the Bible School with the intention of taking only a brief course, but when that course is completed, he finds in his heart and conscience an insistent urge that he continue to prepare himself for fulltime service in the Church as pastor or missionary.

What is begun in this way at the Bible School is therefore continued at Camrose College and the Seminary. This indicates how closely knit together these institutions are, and why they need to work together with the consecrated purpose of providing the Church with its future pastors and missionaries.

But we who are working at these schools realize very keenly that we need the cooperation of our pastors and congregations.

The Lord Jesus Christ placed this responsibility upon all His disciples when He said: "Pray ye the Lord of

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for Luther Theological Seminary at Saskatoon to cook for about 25 people. Salary \$35 per month with free room and board. Apply, giving age, experience, and reference. Application must be accompanied by a letter from applicant's pastor. Duties to commence Sept. 23. Apply to Lars Knudson, Bentley, Alberta, or to Martin Ruccius, Dresden, North Dakota, U.S.A.

the harvest that He send forth laborers into His harvest."

And those who faithfully and obediently observe this command find that their prayers for laborers do not remain vague and general, but tend to become personal and specific. The Spirit of Prayer guides us in this way. And questions arise: Possibly the Lord wants me? If I am redeemed by His grace and belong to Him, why should not I give my life in His service? And to the pastor who offers this prayer the thought will come, possibly the Lord wants this or that young man to become a minister of the Word. I must speak to him about it.

And so the praying young man finds in the praying pastor a wise and conscientious advisor. I assume that most of us who are in the ministry today remember, when we were burdened with this problem of what to do with our life, how sorely we needed the counsel of mature Christians, and how deeply we appreciated it. Let us not fail to give the young men of today the Christian guidance and encouragement they need. This applies not only to us pastors, but also to other mature Christians in our congregations, who obediently to the Lord's command are praying the Lord of the harvest "to send forth laborers into His harvest."

The Luther League conventions and Bible Camps have given refreshing evidences of the fact that the Holy Spirit is at work among our young people. But what is begun in these groups must be continued at our Bible Schools, at Camrose College and at the Seminary, if the young men whom the Lord would give to His Church for full-time service, are really to become pastors and missionaries in the Church.

And it is the special responsibility of the pastors and elders of the Church to search them out, pray for them, guide them, encourage them and help them on the way, that they may not be "disobedient unto the heavenly vision." (Acts 26, 19).

—J. R. Lavik.

O why should the spirit of mortal be proud?

Like a swift-fleeting meteor, a fast-flying cloud;

A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave,

Man passes from life to his rest in the grave.

'Tis the wink of an eye; 'tis the draught of a breath,

From the blossom of health to the paleness of death;

From the gilded saloon to the bier and the shroud —

O, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?

—William Knox.

Announcement

Luther Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, begins its second school year, God willing, Tuesday, Sep. 24. Young men who intend to enter this year should send in their applications at once, if they have not already done so. We shall also be glad to hear from others who may desire, information about the course and the qualifications for entrance.

J. R. Lavik,
Luther Seminary,
Saskatoon, Sask.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

The SHEPHERD

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. John 10, 11.

He that believeth on him is not judged; he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, First Nr. in August, 1940

WHAT DOES THOU HERE? 1 Kings 19:9.

The question of our text was addressed by God to the prophet Elijah. To him God had given a work to do, that of turning the people of Israel from the worship of Baal to the worship of the only true God. He had performed that work faithfully until after the dramatic contest on Mt. Carmel when he had vindicated the truth of his message by calling down fire from heaven.

But immediately after this notable victory Elijah took a vacation from the work God had given him to do. A message came from Queen Jezebel ordering him to leave the country if he wished to save his life. An overwhelming despondency swept over the prophet. Were all his zealous efforts for the Lord to accomplish nothing? Would the only result be further hardship and danger to himself? Dejected at the seeming failure of his work, and despairing of ever accomplishing that work, he leaves Israel.

Elijah was yet a child of God, though a disobedient child. As His child, God continued to watch over him and to provide for him on his forty day journey. But at the end of that journey the question of God came to him, "Elijah, what are you doing here? Is this the work I have given you to do? Is this the place assigned by Me for your labor?"

Not many of us would dare claim Elijah's strength of character, nor his magnificent testimony for God. But most of us must share his failing, in that we become easily discouraged in the Christian walk of life. Too often we feel like saying, "What's the use of carrying on in our work? Nobody seems to appreciate us and our endeavors. There seem to be no results at all."

We forget that the important question for us is not the difficulties connected with our work, nor the lack of results. The important question for us is whether or not we are doing God's will. If we are doing the work God has given us to do, we are to be concerned about doing that work faithfully, knowing that it is God who will give the results. All that is asked of a soldier is to faithfully perform and fulfill the orders given him by his commanding officer. This is all that is asked of the soldier of Jesus Christ as well.

The soldier of Jesus Christ is not to be concerned about his ease, nor his comfort, nor the praise of others, nor his safety. As soon as he runs away from the work given him by God to do because of these considerations, he is unfaithful to the task God has given him. Paul suffered much in performing the work that God had given him to do. He in his writings offers no easy path for the faithful follower of Christ. He declares: "All that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." When he instructs Titus about his work in Crete he paints a rather dark picture of conditions there; but he also states, "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldst set in order the things that are wanting."

What is needed in the Church of Jesus Christ today is men and women who will not run away from the difficult tasks given them by God to do; who will not shirk the unpleasant jobs that need to be done; who will not despise the little bits of work that attract no attention; who are willing even to lay down their lives in fulfilling the will of God for their lives on earth. When we are tempted to discouragement in our living for Jesus, may we be strengthened by the promise, "My beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord."

—G. O. Evenson.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

Editor, Rev. G. O. Evenson, Outlook, Sask.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." John 15:1.

Our Savior's words in the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel according to John will be the basis for a series of brief devotional meditations to appear in this column. This chapter is precious alike for the sublime truths it states, and for the simple manner in which they are presented.

Jesus declares, "I am the true vine." A little child knows what a vine is. It knows that plants must have a central stem. Without a healthy stem no plant can be vigorous and strong. The branches cannot live apart from the stem or vine.

In this simple way Jesus teaches that eternal life depends on a vine, too. That vine is different from all other vines, for the true vine is Jesus Himself. Eternal life is not to be found outside of Him.

Many storms have battered the true vine. Satan and his hosts have assailed Him with all their fury. But the vine is still true. The husbandman—the farmer or gardener we would say—is none other than God the Father. He prepared the seed-bed over a period of 4000 years before His vine appeared to men. When they rejected Him and seemed even to destroy Him, the husbandman was faithfully guarding His vine. So He is still the true vine, and always will be.

Are you growing on this vine?

Is Your Sweetheart a Christian?

"Congratulations, Bob! I'm so happy to hear of your engagement. I've never met your sweetheart but I am sure she must be a fine girl. She is a Christian, isn't she, Bob?" What an embarrassed look Bob gave Jim in response to that question. He was stunned. Words wouldn't come. Blushing he finally stuttered, "I—I think so, Jim."

Poor Bob! He had never thought of that question—"Is she a Christian?" Why hadn't he faced that before? Martha was soon to be his bride. She was so perfect in every way. Surely she must be a Christian. But why hadn't they talked about Christianity? They had never even prayed together. Neither had they ever read their Bibles together. Oh, they had talked in general about church, and had even attended church worship and Luther League together, but they had never really faced the issue of whether or not they were really saved in Christ.

Bob's heart now ached, because like a flash he realized that they had left Christ out of their courtship. Martha was such a good scout. He could share his joys and sorrows with her and somehow she would always understand and be of help and encouragement. But now he realized that they had not shared Christ together, and they were to be married in a few weeks.

Bob had made that mistake that hundreds of our young people make. He wanted a Christian home and hoped they could have family devotion, but he had never faced that issue with his bride-to-be. What a mistake! Why are there so many young couples even within our churches who do not establish family altars in their new homes? Simply because sweethearts have not faced Christ together during courtship. *The family altar should be erected during courtship days.* Christian young people will and should share God's Word and pray together in the romantic days that lead to the marriage altar. Sweethearts together inviting Jesus to be the Savior, Lord and King of their personal life, and then inviting Jesus to be the Head of the house that shall be established on the coming wedding day, have found the road that leads to a happy Christian home. Bride and bridegroom should have a personal assurance of the presence of Jesus at their wedding feast because together they have committed this sacred day and their new home into His loving care. *This is the right way to begin a Christian home.*

After fifteen years of wedded life one man said, "My wife and I have been happy together. The only thing that has marred our happiness at all is that we belonged

to different churches. It has always been a problem as to whether our children should go with their mother to her church or come with me to mine." Then he added significantly, "I would advise all young people to marry within their own church."

Another man came to his pastor to arrange for his wedding. In the course of the conversation he remarked, "Of course, my bride-to-be attends a church of a different denomination." The pastor quickly responded, "What are you going to do about church in your new home?" "Oh," he answered, "we haven't discussed that." Another mistake.

Figures show that there are thousands of churchless children in America with parents divided on church membership. The easiest solution seems to be to stay away from church altogether. One Lutheran mother whose husband belonged to a different denomination said, "I haven't had the children baptized because we couldn't agree as to where we should go. There was always an argument when we approached the subject, so I decided it was better to let the matter rest."

Young people! Take Christ into your love affairs. Be sure that you can share Christ with your future wife or husband. *Now during your courtship days is the time to build your family altar.* Stop and project yourselves from the bliss of romantic love-making to the reality of your future home life. The normal way of life is to have children in the home. Will your bride be a warm-hearted Christian mother for the boys and girls that you hope God will give you? Will she be able to pray for them and teach them how to pray? Will she be anxious to share God's Word with you and the family? Will your wife or husband be a real help in keeping your children for God?

At your wedding altar Jesus Christ will say to you, "Have ye not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the twain shall become one flesh? What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matt. 19: 4-6). God's Word also says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" (II Cor. 6:14).

Is your sweetheart a Christian?

—Oscar C. Hanson
in *Lutheran Herald*.

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The article by Pastor Hanson is reprinted in our paper because it presents a question which somehow or other is ignored even by professing Christian young people. When an individual has rightly settled the question of his relationship to Christ, he has settled the most important question in his life. Only then can the other relationships of life be rightly dealt with.

But why is it that many of those who claim Christ as their Savior seek their life-mate among those to whom He is still a stranger? Is it lack of self-surrender? Thoughtlessness? Love-blindness? Little faith? Surely in the choice of a life-mate it is true, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy paths."

The observation was made at Bible Camp that it is more difficult for a Christian girl to find a Christian sweetheart because there are fewer Christian boys than girls! Is this true, young men? Isn't this a challenge to you to do more personal work among your associates?

Results

Do we expect enough results in our Luther League work? I am afraid that oftentimes we do not dare to expect big enough results. Hence our accomplishments are accordingly. We expect little from God because we look at ourselves instead of at the greatness of God. Paul dared much in Christ. Therefore the following

quotation from Ephesians 3:20, 21 was not theory but fact with him: "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages world without end. Amen." May God make us unsatisfied with our present accomplishments in our League work and may He cause us to lay hold with new determination on His precious promises filled with power to win many souls for His Kingdom. Leaguers! take courage. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31). Through Christ's own word, we as workers in His Church have been given the keys that unlock the treasure houses of God's Heaven. All discouragement is of the devil. "With God nothing is impossible." Leaguers! In Christ nothing can stop our forward march.

—Better Leagues.

Greetings From Luther League President

Watertown, S. D.

August 3, 1940.

Dear Christian Friends of Canada:—

I thank God for the privilege given me during the past two weeks to visit our church in Canada. I had always heard much about the warm-hearted, zealous spirit of our Christian workers there. All that I had heard, I certainly found to be true. It did my soul much good to have fellowship with our pastors and Luther Leaguers at the Youth Conference at Regina, the Bible camp at Hastings Lake, Alberta, and at the District Luther League convention at Calgary. I went away with a deeper longing that God might use me in a larger measure to reach souls for His Kingdom.

Somehow I felt that you friends in Canada put Christ first in a real sense, and that you have taken up your crosses to follow Him. You haven't fallen into the temptation of serving Christ only when it is comfortable and convenient. That is one of our constant dangers. May God make us all real soldiers, willing to endure hardness for the sake of the Cross.

I have great hopes for the future of the work in Canada. It was a pleasure to meet you able consecrated young men who are studying for the ministry at our Seminary at Saskatoon. My prayer is that more of our fine young men in our Luther Leagues in Canada may hear this call to service from our Master. The fields are certainly white unto harvest in your great land. God has blessed you with faithful pastors and many praying people. May you all unite in the great program outlined by Jesus when He said, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that more laborers may be sent out into His harvest."

Thank you friends, for all your kindness and hospitality. I am so happy for the privilege of again having fellowship with your District President, Dr. Iverson, my former teacher and spiritual adviser. May God continue to use his consecrated leadership to the salvation of many souls. Thank you, young people, for promising definitely to pray daily for the work of our Luther League thruout our entire church. I only wish that all of our Leaguers in the States could have the privilege of meeting you Canadian friends.

Even though we are under different national flags, we are united in Christ under the banner of the Cross. Jesus says to all His soldiers today, "March"! I hope I shall be permitted to visit Canada again. God bless you, friends!

Yours in Christ,
—Oscar C. Hanson.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

MRS. I. O. THVEDT, Editor — LANGHAM, SASK.

A CRY FROM THE FOUR WINDS

"How long is it," asked an old Mohammedan woman in Bengal, "since Jesus died for sinful people? Look at me; I am old, I have prayed, given alms, gone to the holy shrines, become as dust from fasting, and all this is useless. Where have you been all this time?"

That cry was echoed from the icy shores of the farthest northwest territory. "You have been many moons in this land," said an old Eskimo to the Bishop of Selkirk. "Did you know this good news then? Since you were a boy? And your father knew? Then why did you not come sooner?"

It was heard in the snowy heights of the Andes. "How is it," asked a Peruvian, "that during all the years of my life I have never before heard that Jesus Christ spoke those precious words?"

It was repeated in the white streets of Casablanca, North Africa. "Why," cried a Moor to a Bible-seller, "have you not run everywhere with this book? Why do so many of my people not know of the Jesus whom it proclaims? Why have you hoarded it to yourselves? Shame on you!"

It is the cry of the four winds. How shall we answer it? Read Proverbs 24:11, 12.

There may be a potential missionary in your class. Talk missions to your scholars. Help them to become interested in the Lord's cause out on the foreign fields. "A little child shall lead them." —Exchange.

When we read the above: "A cry from the four winds, let us think of our Mission Boxes and all they stand for. The Aim of this department, and the money collected in the M. B. is to spread the gospel, and to reach the unchurched.

Let us read Paul's letter to the Romans, 10 chapter, verse 11 and following. By means of the Mission Boxes, we may help to send out preachers of the Gospel to the outmost corners of the world, and also here at home. This is one way in which you and I may show our Faith in Action." The theme used at the W.M.F. Circuit Convention held here in Vang, May 25.

It may be mentioned that the Vang Ladies Aid this year celebrated the 40th anniversary, and the congregation the 41st. We wish to thank the W. M. F. for the opportunities given us as an aid this year.

September is the month for the ingathering of the Mission Boxes. Arrange a mission program for the September meeting! If your Aid has not yet adopted the Boxes, lift an offering at that meeting.

Let 1940 be a year of "Faith in Action" for the M. B. department by Ladies Aid members in the Camrose Circuit, and thereby also help our own congregations with the budget.

Send the money direct to Rev. H. O. Shurson, 425, 4 St. So., Minneapolis, Minn. Indicate that it is M. Box money. State name of Ladies Aid, Pastor and congregation. Just send your circuit officers a note stating how much you did send, so we may be able to give the correct report at our next convention.

Circuit M. Box Secretary

—Mrs. B. Kvien,

R. 1, Millet, Alta.

Langham, Sask.

Dear Rev. Lystig.

Will you please insert notice in "Hyrden" that we are leaving Canada and are moving to Langdon, N. Dak.

Rev. Threndt is not very well.

I will try to write an article for "Hyrden" later. Just now I am unable to write.

"Tak og farvel"

Yours in Him,

Mrs. I. O. Thvedt.

Viking, Alta.

Report of Circuit Meeting of W. M. F. and L. D. R. at Viking, Alta., May 18th, 1940.

On May 18th the W. M. F. and L. D. R. of the Edmonton Circuit met for their session in the Lutheran Church at Viking, Alta. A joint pro-

gramme was held in the morning. A solo was rendered by Miss Wynne Rude. Rev. Stolee then gave an address. Taking his text from Exodus chap. 14—15. He stressed going forward in church work, and also to bring the children to God.

At 11.30 o'clock the L. D. R. separated from the W. M. F. for a short business session.

At 12 o'clock lunch was served by the local W. M. F. and L. D. R.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "What a friend we have in Jesus." Rev. Vinge gave the scripture reading after which followed a short session of sentence prayers.

Rev. Vinge then spoke on Christian giving. He brought out the definite point that giving has in Christian work. God loves a cheerful giver, so give willingly. At this time the Viking Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. S. Lefsrud sang two numbers, "The Great Physician Now is near," and "Beautiful Saviour."

Then a duet was rendered by Nellie Wollan and Stella Hafso of Viking.

The L. D. R. again gathered for a separate session. Mrs. M. P. Benson, Pres. of Viking local, welcomed the visitors in a few well chosen words. The minutes of previous convention were read and adopted. The report from committee on resolutions was read and adopted.

Report of Nominating Committee: Pres.—Mrs. O. Likness, Irma, Alta; Vice.—Mabel Aasmo, Tofield, Alta; Sec. Treas.—Gudrun Sorensen, Viking, Alta; Historian—Mrs. A. Berg, Lougheed, Alta. These officers were elected. Then Mrs. George Hendriksen gave a short address. Miss Irene Rude, District Pres. spoke at this time telling of her trip to Mt. Carmel last summer.

The officers were now installed. Closing hymn was sung and Rev. Vinge pronounced the benediction.

Gudrun Sorensen,
Sec. Treas. of L. D. R.

The W. M. F. and the L. D. R. of the Edmonton Circuit held their annual convention, May 18th at Viking, Alta., Rev. J. B. Stolee's charge.

The two organizations had joint programs as well as separate sessions.

Rev. J. B. Stolee spoke at the morning session. His topic was based on Ex. 14:15, "Speak to the people of Israel that they go forward." He brought out the thought that we must go forward in our Christian life and work. He pointed out the fields that are white unto harvest and especially those in our "very midst" He also pointed out the many ways in which each of us can be along and bring them in and claim them for God.

During the afternoon session Rev. A. M. Vinge spoke on Christian giving. Christian giving has a definite place in God's work, and when we see it in the true light, it is a privilege to give. He emphasized the need of training our children to give. He discussed Christian giving under the five headings: Intelligent, Cheerful, Systematic, Proportionate and Sacrificial.

Mrs. Geo. Hendrickson was also with us and explained different branches of our W. M. F. work.

Reports and readings were given on the different departments.

Special singing by L. D. R. and W. M. F. members as well as the Viking Junior Choir added much to our programs. We felt that God had blessed us and we went home longing to serve Him more faithfully.

The following are officers:

President Mrs. P. Bjørnson, Tofield, Alta. Vice-Pres. Mrs. Laura Christianson, Holden, Alta. Sec. Treas. Mrs. Wm. Rugland, Viking, Alta. Mission Box Mrs. A. Haukedahl, Tofield, Alta. Cradle Roll—Mrs. Nels Sand, 12043-93 St. Edmonton. Thank-Offering—Mrs. H. Neraasen, Ryley, Alta. Box Work—Mrs. M. Reitan, Irma, Alta. Historian—Mrs. Ed. Thompson, Viking, Alta. In Memoriam—Mrs. C. Erickson, Tofield, Alta. Reading Project and Christian Nurture Mrs. A. Hamilton, Kingman, Alta.

—Mrs. Wm. Rugland, Sec., W.M.F.

REPORT FROM W.M.F. OF SASKATOON CIRCUIT

The W.M.F. of Saskatoon Circuit held their annual meeting at Young, Sask., Rev. Dahle's charge, Sat. June 1st 1940.

After devotion pres. Mrs. S. D. Brun opened the business session by extending a hearty welcome to all.

The sec.-treas. reports were read and approved. The secretary also read letters of thanks from Rev. G. O. Evenson for our contribution of \$15.00 to Outlook Bible School, and from Dist. treas. Mrs. G. J. Hoyme for \$5.00 in Memoriam of Miss Agnes Anderson.

Several of our aids still neglect to send in their triple report cards. But from those received the president gave these gleanings: \$315.00 contributed thru the departments, and \$545.00 used locally—mostly as pastor's salaries. The president urged all aids to send in their percapita, and that the Federation literature be used regularly; thus learn all we can about the various branches of our church work—"Learn to be good housekeepers in Gods household."

Before forming any committee, the president introduced all the delegates.

Credential Committee: Mrs. Elsworth Peterson, Mrs. Ole Anderson.

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Erlandson, Mrs. Dahle, Mrs. Martinson.

Resolutions Committee: Mrs. Dr. I. Iversen, Mrs. P. Frostad.

The Credential Committee reported 17 delegates and several visitors besides local ladies.

The nominating Committee submitted their candidates. The following were elected:

Pres.—Mrs. S. D. Brun, Strongfield. Vice-pres.—Mrs. A. Austensen, Viscount. Sec.-treas. — Mrs. Hermund Dalen, Valley Park. Mission Box Sec.—Mrs. Henry Aune, Langham. Thank Offering Sec.—Mrs. A. Erlandson, Penance. Cradle Roll sec.—Mrs. K. Garden, Macrorie. In Memoriam and Life Mem. Sec. — Mrs. A. M. Skevik, Watrous. Historian Sec. — Mrs. B. O. Lokensgard, 711 Melrose Ave., Saskatoon. Librarian and Read. Project Sec.—Mrs. Elsworth Peterson, Outlook.

Mrs. Brun requested the nom. conv. not to submit her name, but they decided not to grant this request; and Mrs. Brun was re-elected by a unanimous vote. We are very glad and thankful that our faithful and efficient president consented to continue at the head of the W.M.F. of Saskatoon Circuit. Mrs. Pinkerton was re-elected as chorister.

A new department — that of "Christian Nurture" was added at this meeting. It was introduced by Mrs. Iversen, and Mrs. Dahle was elected sec'y. On the evening program Mrs. Iversen gave an inspiring as well as instructive talk on the needs and possibilities of the work that can be accomplished in this department. Mothers, let us respond to the information and suggestions which will come to us from our Christian Nurture Sec'y.

Upon request the pres. gave a short explanation of the object of each dep't, the time for taking up each offering, and to what branch of our church work the money goes from the respective depts.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that a greeting be sent to Dist. Pres. Mrs. I. O. Thvedt who was unable to be present at the meeting, due to her husband's illness.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that our circuit present to Mrs. J. A. Berge a Life Membership Certificate as a taken of esteem from her fellow-workers in the Saskatoon circuit. We are sorry to know that Mrs. Berge is leaving our circuit, and we shall feel the loss of a true and faithful friend and co-worker. But what will be our loss will also be some one else gain. May God bless you, Mrs. Berge, in your new field of service. The business meeting closed with a short session of prayer, led by Mrs. Iversen.

The evening program opened with devotion led by Rev. Dahle, followed by a paper prepared by Mrs. Riggle, "My Brother's Keeper in the L. Aid," and talks by Pres. and Mrs. Iversen. These items were interspersed with vocal solos.

An offering of \$11.00 was received.

The president made a few closing remarks and thanked for the offering — also for all contributions to the program.

Resolutions.

Report of resolutions com. was given: Whereas we are assembled for the Spring meeting of the W.M.F. of the Saskatoon circuit we thank God that we are permitted to gather in peace and quiet about this word and the work of the Kingdom of God at home and in foreign fields.

Be it resolved that we give thanks to God for His grace and forbearance with us and for the many blessings showered upon us throughout this past year.

We express thanks and appreciation to all the officers of the circuit, both old and new, who have given faithful and unselfish service in fulfilling the duties of their respective offices. We pledge our loyal support to the newly elected officers, and to the work of our church, remembering Christ's words: "Whatsoever ye have done for the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

We further express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mrs. J. A. Berge, who is soon leaving this circuit, — for the efficient and untiring work done both in circuit and District.

Be it further resolved that we remember the Outlook Bible School in our prayers, and also to remember it with gifts, either money, vegetables, or canned fruit.

Be it further resolved that we express our hearty thanks to the local congregation. Ladies Aid, Pastor and family for the cordial hospitality and friendliness shown us all.

Lastly be it resolved that we, as members of the Women's Missionary Federation, pledge our loyalty to our country and the King and Queen now in these times of stress and war, and pray that God will hold His protecting hand over us, being mindful of His Word "All things work together for good to them that love God."

—Mrs. H. Dalen, Sec'y.

BE WELL INFORMED

The opinion seems to be that our General Convention this year was a very successful and blessed meeting. A very fine spirit prevailed throughout every session and the Convention will, under God, mean a step forward in the work of our Church.

The report of this meeting will be off the press in a short time. You should secure a copy of the Annual Report from the Augsburg Publishing House. The Convention passed the following resolution:

"As the Annual Report contains a wealth of information about our Church, its activities and Missions, the Church considers it of vital importance that this Report be in the hands of every pastor and that a real effort be made to get it into the hands of our Church members."

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—A. J. Bergsaker.

MEN OF GOD are those of whom it may be said, as Roosevelt wrote (tho he was speaking of national heroes): "We run with the torches until we fall, content if we can then pass them on to other runners."

Oh, what a glorious axiom for the loyal servant of the Lord! Not seeking anything for himself, only seeking to do the Will of God, content to pass off the scene in His due time, happy to go if some others are competent to spread the light.

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"Some people have just enough Christianity to feel miserable. When we are tempted to doubt Jesus Christ, let us go unto Him directly. If we cannot go ourselves, let us have someone go for us, as John the Baptist did."

—P. C. Danielson.